

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In the application of** : Weil et al  
**Serial No.** : 09/848,743  
**Filed** : May 3, 2001  
**For** : Communication System and Method of  
Optimising Provisioning of Service to  
Subscribers in a Passive Optical Network  
**Examiner** : Salad, E. Abdullahi  
**Art Unit** : 2157  
**Customer number** : 23644

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE MAILED FEBRUARY 21, 2007**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

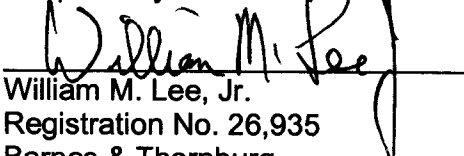
In response to the Notice mailed February 21, 2007, it is believed that all is in order.

The undersigned spoke with Examiner Salad on several occasions, and Examiner Salad has agreed that the Brief is compliant, and will retract the Notice of Non-Compliance.

As also discussed with Examiner Salad, should there be any proposed amendments that might be offered by the Patent and Trademark Office, the Applicants would be happy to consider anything that the Examiner proposes.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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